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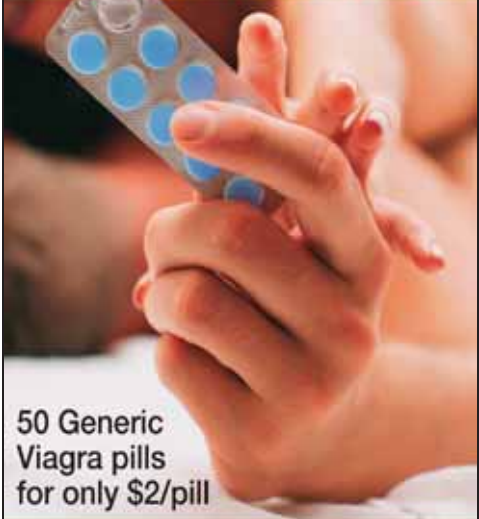
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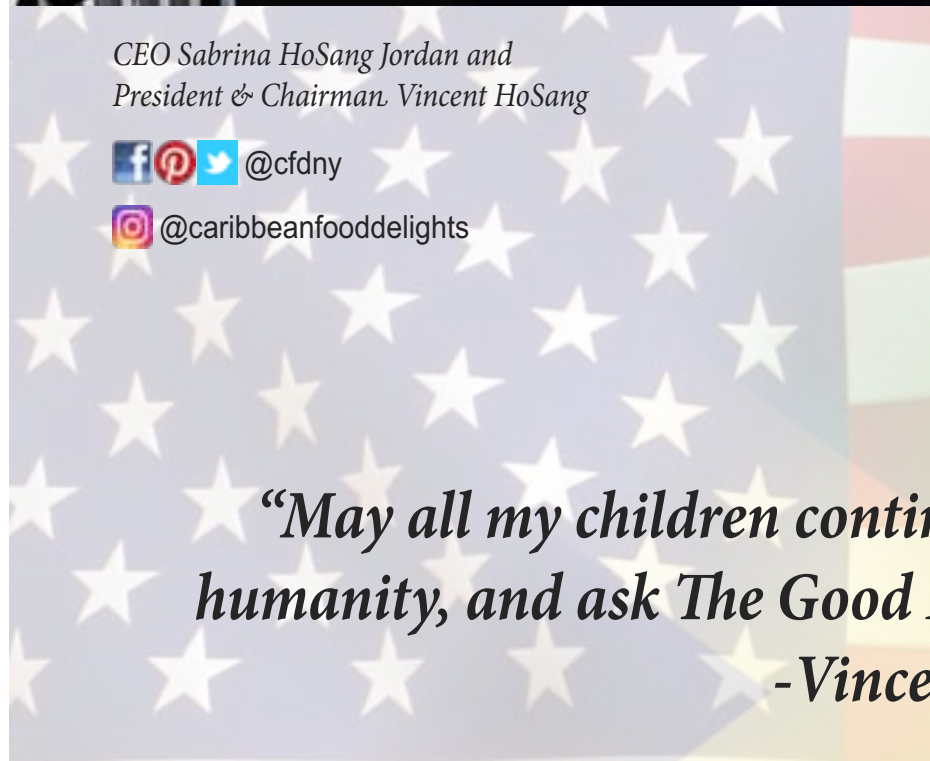
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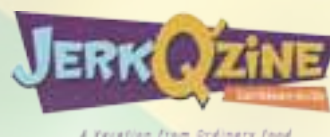


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EDITORIAL

Debt relief made possible for students

By Solemn-vow

The purpose of a student loan is to help students pay for tertiary education, living expenses, and other fees. Many students have applied and received loans to help them to do just that.

At first, student loans seem like the easiest way out to complete college without any financial hassle. However, as many students eventually discover, the easiest route is not always the best route in the long run.

I have spoke to and interviewed many students who have taken out loans to cover the cost of their tuition. The reasoning behind it is very understandable: 1. no savings to cover the cost of tuition, 2. tuition bill is way too high, and 3. scholarships aren't enough to cover the cost of tuition and expenses.

The students who normally find themselves in student loan debt are those in the lower and middle class. The type of loan has become a weight that many students cannot shake.

However, recently Senator Elizabeth Warren introduced a bill that would cancel out some \$640 billion of outstanding student loan debt. According to the Politics article, "Warren has pitched the debt cancellation plan as a way to tackle the racial wealth gap, noting that borrowers of color are disproportionately burdened by student loan debt. It's also meant as a broader economic stimulus.

Warren said that the more than \$1.5 trillion of outstanding student debt "is a drag on our entire economy" as loan borrowers delay or forego economic activity such as buying a house or starting a business."



By Solemn_Vow
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Passing this bill will allow student borrowers who have \$100,000 or less of gross household income to receive up to \$50,000 of forgiveness. However, student borrowers earning more than \$250,000 would not be eligible for any debt relief.

All in all, we can say at least those in government or seeking a seat at the government table are noticing that student loans and their interest has become a barrier for many students to move forward in achieving a better quality of life after college.

Free education is one of the basic societal necessity every person should receive in order to be a functional citizen. Let's be hopeful that something would be done to remove the yoke off our now generation necks.

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In the photo (l-r) Desmond Poyser, Tanya Poysner, Elyse Spencer (Scholarship winner), Damia Poyser and Peter James.

Elyse Spencer wins Andys Record/RAS Scholarship

Rochester, New York

Elyse Spencer has been named the winner of the first annual Roydale Anderson Scholarship (RAS) which rewards students for their academic achievements and musical aspirations.

The presentation was made at a ceremony held recently in Rochester by Marcy Barrett, who chairs the organizing committee along with Tanya Poysner. The scholarship, which was named in honor of the late Roydale Anderson who along with his brother Hector Anderson, were both credited for being first to import and distribute reggae music in the United States.

Spencer said she was thrilled to be the recipient of the scholarship award and de-

scribed as 'creative.' "As a young woman who deeply appreciates the arts, I choose to portray this aspect of mine to the people I encounter first. Throughout my life, I've found and reconstructed this passion for art," she noted.

Roydale, the co-founder of Andy's Records, migrated from Kingston, Jamaica to the Bronx in 1963. In 1970 Roydale and Hector Anderson started Andy's Records which remained in business for 25 years before closing its doors in 1995.

Andy's records which was located at 214 E 170th Street in the Bronx collaborated with scores of reggae artists and well-known producers to promote the music among the immigrant communities.

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NEWS



COMMUNITY AWARDS:

Attorney-at-law Maurice Maitland congratulates his sister and Registered Dietitian and Director of Weight Management/Healthy Living Programs at North Central Bronx Hospital, Gloria C Bent who was honored at The Bharati Foundation's 7th Annual Bollywood Caribbean Heritage celebration held on June 29 in The Bronx. Bent was among several other members of the local community being honored by the Foundation in recognition of their work and contributions to The Bronx. The Bharati Foundation works to help the community and youth of all ages to lead healthy, educated, and productive lives.

Dwight 'Doc' Gooden Arrested for DUI for Second Time

NEW YORK, NY

Former Mets and Yankees star Dwight Gooden has reportedly been arrested again for the second time in less than two months. "Doc" Gooden is being charged with driving while intoxicated.

Authorities tell the New York Post he was driving the wrong way on a one-way street Monday in Newark.

He tells the paper he was "going away to get some help to save my life" and says what he did was embarrassing and shameful.

Gooden was also arrested June 7 on suspicion of possession of cocaine and driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation in Holmdel, N.J.

The former Cy Young winner has struggled with drug and alcohol addiction over the years.



Dwight Gooden

He was suspended from baseball in the mid 90s for cocaine use.

He has also been arrested several times and served jail time in 2006 for drug use.

Westchester Community College honors 300 students

Westchester Community College's Division of Workforce Development and Community Education recently held its annual Completion Ceremony, celebrating hundreds of students who completed their short-term workforce programs.

The event honored those who competed their studies in the fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters in areas such as the QuickBooks User Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Electrocardiography, Pharmacy Technician, Clinical Medical Assistant, Medical Administrative Assistant, Project Transition, Real Estate, Insurance, OSHA 30 hour, Certified Dietary Manager, Just Add One, Microsoft Office Certification Programs, User Experience and Advanced Manufacturing short-term programs.

The depth and variety of workforce programs highlights the college's commitment to providing workforce training for in-demand middle-skill jobs that lead to career advancement and entry to various career pathways. Middle-skill jobs, which require education beyond high school but not a four-year degree, make up the largest part of the labor market in the United States. According to the National Skills Coalition, demand for middle-skill jobs remains strong in New York State, accounting for almost half of all anticipated job openings between now and 2024.

Westchester Community College is the premier institution in Westchester County and the Lower Hudson Valley offering short-term career programs for middle skill training and job opportunities.

Jamaica to celebrate Miss Lou over 100 days

Kingston, Jamaica:

In celebration of the centenary of Jamaica's beloved cultural icon Louise Simone Bennett-Coverley, a period of more than 100 days with special activities across the country is to be observed.

Bennett-Coverley, popularly known as Miss Lou, would have turned age 100 on September 7, 2019. Making the announcement in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, Culture Minister Olivia Grange said that Ms Lou will be celebrated as a social commentator, poet and advocate particularly, for showcasing the beauty of the Jamaican language.

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NEWS

Roach Wilson appointed Consul General of Jamaica - NY

by Kimmy Blair
Street Hype Writer

New York City-based financial analyst, entrepreneur and philanthropist Alston Roach Wilson has been appointed Jamaica's Consul General to New York effective August 1.

Jamaican Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith in recent press release said Roach Wilson is a highly experienced financial analyst, having spent a great deal of her working life in the financial sector in the United States.

"Her exceptional track record in finance together with her strong belief in philanthropy are most fitting for this position as she shares the vision for inclusive and sustainable economic growth and development," Johnson Smith said.

The minister further noted that Roach Wilson's expertise in networking in trade and investment would also support an essential subset of the work of the foreign service as we seek to promote the practice of economic diplomacy and consular serv-

ice. "I am fully confident that she will work assiduously to get the job done across the spectrum of responsibilities that are part of this role," Johnson Smith added.

Several hundred members of the Jamaican community took to social media in support of Roach Wilson's appoint and pledged their support.

On her Facebook page, the new consul general said she was delighted and grateful for the opportunity to serve and the outpouring of support from the community. "I feel that dream has been surpassed again with this new appointment to serve my country. I am looking forward to working together with the Diaspora and related amazing organizations within the 33 states in my portfolio. I aim to serve with transparency and accountability in this position to achieve ultimate success," she commented.

Roach Wilson is the mother of two adult children and is married to Recardo Omar Wilson.

She replaced Trudy Deans who tour of duty ended on December 31, 2018.



Alston Roach Wilson, Consul General
Consulate General of Jamaica - New York



Disabled black students face more disciplined than their white peers

Black students with disabilities are disciplined more often than their white peers, pushing them into the school-to-prison pipeline at higher rates, a new report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights shows – just the latest finding to stoke an ongoing debate over the role race plays in school discipline.

"Ignoring the reality that kids can be harmed and that it is our educators' obligation to ensure that they are not harmed has an obvious impact on students of color in particular and students with disabilities in particular," Catherine Lhamon, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, says. "When we know that turning away from specific harms to specific identity groups will hurt their educational opportunity and their rights in schools, we are taking steps we ought not to take."

The 224-page report draws on data from

the Department of Education and its Office for Civil Rights to argue that students of color don't commit more offenses than their white peers but receive "substantially more" discipline than them, as well as harder and longer punishments for similar offenses. At the same time, the report underscores, data shows that students with disabilities are about twice as likely to be suspended compared to those without disabilities.

The report concedes that while research has long recognized disparate discipline rates for students of color and students with disabilities, few studies have focused on the intersection of race and disability. But it also draws on federal data to show that a "consistent pattern" exists in which schools suspend or expel black students with disabilities at higher rates than the proportion of the population of students with disabilities.

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NEWARK, N.J.

Four executives of two information technology staffing companies have been arrested on charges of fraudulently using the H-1B visa program to gain an unfair advantage over competitors, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito announced recently.

Vijay Mane, 39, of Princeton, New Jersey; Venkataramana Mannam, 47, of Edison, New Jersey; Fernando Silva, 53, of Princeton; and Sateesh Vemuri, 52, of San Jose, California, are each charged by complaint with one count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud.

Vemuri made his initial appearance July 1, 2019, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven C. Mannion in Newark federal court. Mannam and Silva appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Leda Dunn Wettre in Newark federal court on June 25, 2019; Mane appeared before Judge Wettre on June 27, 2019. All were released on \$250,000 bond.

According to the documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Mane, Mannam, and Vemuri controlled two IT staffing companies located in Middlesex County, New Jersey – Procure Professionals Inc. and Krypto IT Solutions Inc. Silva and Mannam also controlled another New Jersey staffing company, referred to in the complaint as “Client A.” The defendants used Procure and Krypto to recruit foreign nationals and sponsor them for H-1B visas, which allow recipients to live and work temporarily in the U.S. in positions requiring specialized skills.

To expedite their visa applications, the defendants caused Procure and Krypto to file H-1B applications falsely asserting that the foreign worker/beneficiaries had already secured positions at Client A, when, in reality,

no such positions existed. Instead, the defendants used these fraudulent applications to build a “bench” of job candidates already admitted to the United States, who could then be hired out immediately to client companies without the need to wait through the visa ap-

plication process, giving the defendants an advantage over their competitors in the staffing industry.

The conspiracy charge carries a maximum potential penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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Caribbean Food Delights Entrepreneur of The Year Winners

Tappan, NY:

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A very elated HoSang Jordan in her acceptance speech thanked Ernst & Young, her parents, employees, customers and friends for their loyal support over the past 41 years. HoSang thanked God for His guidance and spoke of his humble beginnings. "I started business with \$1000 and today the business has grown into a multimillion dollar operation, far more than I could have imagined," said HoSang.

HoSang Jordan, one of two Asians are the only females among thirteen male winners. "It gives me a great sense of pride to represent my cultural heritage and importantly, women leaders out there. There is no question that there are fewer women CEOs and winning here tonight is truly gratifying," said HoSang Jordan.

The father-daughter duo has successfully grown their family business into the largest global manufacturer of Jamaican patties with a



Sabrina HoSang Jordan, CEO and Vincent HoSang, Chairman and President Caribbean Food Delights, Inc.

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HoSang was born in Jamaica of Chinese immigrants, while Mrs. HoSang Jordan was born in New York.

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Beres Hammond, Maxi Priest, Romain Virgo

For 'singers In Action' Concert Series

International reggae crooner Beres Hammond has two big dates in the tri-state area in August. On Sunday, August 4th the singer performs in Brooklyn, New York at the Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk then a week later on Saturday, August 10, he performs at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark, NJ.

Presented by Jammins Entertainment, the concert series dubbed 'Singers in Action,' will also feature singer Maxi Priest and rising superstar Romain Virgo.

Armed with an impressive catalogue of singalong hits 'Red Light,' 'Step Aside,' 'What One Dance Can Do,' 'Double Trouble,' 'Love Means Never To Say Sorry' 'Putting Up Resistance' and 'Rockaway,' the 'Boss' will be looking to renewing his musical kinship with fans in Brooklyn, event promoter George Crooks stated.

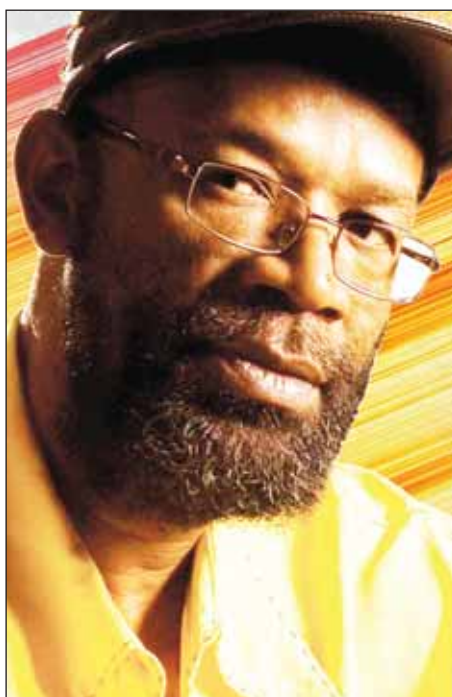
"Music lovers are excited about this year's presentation of 'Singers in Action' and the fact that we have paired Beres with Maxi Priest and Romain Virgo, who is regarded as the most exciting younger performer out of Jamaica right now, this is a must attend event. Brooklyn is home to the largest

concentration of Jamaican and Caribbean nationals in the Diaspora so we expect a larger turnout for this important 2019 calendar stop for Beres. No matter where he performs, Brooklyn is truly his home away from home" Crooks shared.

Iconic reggae singer Maxi Priest, who last year warmed hearts with his latest lovers' rock hit "Rock Steady Love," which blend elements of modern pop and R&B with classic reggae and lovers rock is primed and ready for a big outing in New York.

The UK based, Grammy nominated reggae superstar is one of only two British reggae performers to have scored a U.S. Billboard #1 hit "Close to You" in 1990. Other Top 10 singles to his credit include "Set the Night to Music," the duet with Roberta Flack, "That Girl" featuring Shaggy and his 2013 hit single "Easy To Love."

'Love Sick' reggae crooner Romain Virgo, who has scaled reggae/dancehall charts globally with 'Soul Provider,' 'Stay with Me,' 'I Am Rich in Love,' 'Who Feels It Knows It,' 'I Know Better,' 'Mi Caan Sleep,' 'Another Day, Another Dollar' and 'Leave People Business,' recorded with Chris Martin complements the Singers In Action line



BERES HAMMOND

up. In 2011 he made history as the first Jamaican artist to perform at the Academy of Country Music Awards, in Nashville, Tennessee. A year later he was named 'Artist of the Year' by Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA) at their awards function in Kingston.

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CARIBBEAN NEWS

Phillips, Bunting nominated for party presidential run-off

Kingston, Jamaica WI:

As campaigning goes into high gear for the presidential contest in the People's National Party (PNP), the incumbent Peter Phillips and his challenger, Peter Bunting, were nominated Friday morning for the September 7 election.

The nomination took place at PNP headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica. Bunting was nominated first.

The Manchester Central MP said Angela Brown Burke, Member of Parliament for St. Andrew South West, who was previously undecided, declared had her support for him.

He expects that more persons who had said they are undecided to "come off the fence in the weeks to come between now and the 7th (of September)."

Bunting said he has also been receiving positive feedback from delegates in several constituencies.

He was speaking with reporters at the National Stadium East Parking lot where his supporters later journeyed to celebrate his nomination.



Peter Phillips



Peter Bunting

Phillips, in the meantime, is confident that he will remain the President of the PNP.

He said he felt hopeful and also admitted to being a little emotional because "contests, especially internal contests, can be difficult sometimes. But sometimes, on oc-

casions, it reminds you what you really have been working for."

"I've always said that for me, political life has not been about self-fulfilment as much as service," he declared.

Puerto Rico governor resigns following protests



Puerto Rico's Governor Ricardo Rosselló has announced his resignation after days of mass street protests in the US territory.

Rosselló, who on Sunday insisted he would stay on, said he will continue working until next Friday to allow an orderly transition.

He has been at the centre of a group text message scandal that has already led two top officials to resign.

The leaked messages revealed sexist, profane and homophobic comments.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti:

As the first bursts of gunfire rang out, the women from La Saline slum grabbed their kids and fled for cover. Shootings are common here, but this time, there was no out-running the full-on battle between five rival gangs in the heart of the Haitian capital.

The turf war that broke out last November lasted 14 hours and ended with more than two dozen people dead, women and girls gang-raped and scores of dwellings razed to the ground.

There is not much left of Lovely Saint-Pierre's home, aside from some slabs of concrete and two sheets of rusty metal which provide scant protection from the blazing sun as she recounts the nightmare that began eight months ago. "When the shooting started, my husband stayed behind," the 32-year-old said matter-of-factly. "We just have walls made of sheet metal."

The bullet went straight through and killed him." Around 5,000 people live in La Saline, which has long been plagued by turf wars between gangs battling for control of one of the largest marketplaces in Port-au-Prince.

A United Nations report on the November violence said at least 26 people were killed and 12 reported missing. Haitian human rights groups put the death toll at 71.

CARICOM urged to ensure protection of the oceans

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados:

A senior Barbados official has called on the Caribbean Community to do everything within its power to ensure that the high seas remains healthy and protected.

Addressing the third CARICOM workshop on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, the island's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Juliette Babb-Riley, noted "we are negotiating a treaty with over 100 developed and developing countries from different regions, and we are trying to reach consensus on what would be the test of this new instrument".

The workshop discussed a new international agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which focuses on the protection of the high seas. "Biologically and ecologically, there are no boundaries. Marine species move between areas that are under the jurisdiction of states and those that are outside the national jurisdiction of states."

"So, if you want to properly conserve your marine resources which fall under your area, you need to pay attention to what is happening beyond areas of national jurisdiction. This agreement is seeking to do that, to make sure we do what is in our power to have a healthy ocean," Babb-Riley said.

SPORTS

Briana Williams captures Pan Am U20 100m gold

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA:

World Under-20 champion Briana Williams secured gold at the Pan American Under-20 Track and Field Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica after landing the women's 100 metres on Friday in a time of 11.38 seconds. The other Jamaican who was listed for the final, Kemba Neson, did not start.

Jamaica had to settle for silver and bronze in the men's equivalent where Oblique Seville was second in 10.21 seconds and Michael Stephens third in 10.34. The race was won by American Matthew Boling in 10.11 seconds.

Earlier on Friday, Ackera Nugent won Jamaica's first medal after taking silver in the women's 100 metre hurdles. Nugent crossed the line in 13.37 seconds behind winner Jasmine Jones of the United States who clocked 13.20 seconds. Another Jamaican, Crystal Morisson just missed out on a medal, clocking 13.44 seconds to finish fourth.



World Under-20 champion Briana Williams

Akeem Cargill then doubled the country's medal tally when he took bronze in the men's equivalent in 13.56 seconds, behind the American pair of Eric Edwards Jr and Tai Brown 13.11 and 13.36 respectively. The country then picked up its third medal in the men's 400 metres as Bovell McPherson got bronze in that event after clocking 45.97. Compatriot Anthony Cox found himself off of the medal podium after finishing fourth in 46.12 seconds with gold going to American Justin Robinson in 45.04 seconds.

However, the nation missed out on a medal in the women's 400 metres as Shaqueena Foote's 53.92 was only good enough for 5th with compatriot Annakay Allen finishing last in 55.74.

Tyrice Taylor clocked 1 minute, 51.99 seconds to win semi-final 2 of the men's 800 metres while compatriot Tyrise Reid did 1:52.29 for third in his semi-final, as both advanced to the final.

Reggae Boyz move up two places in world rankings

Despite a semi-final run in the 2019 CONCACAF Gold Cup, the Reggae Boyz only moved up two places in the July edition of the FIFA world rankings to number 52.

With the rise, Jamaica also remains at number one in the Caribbean and number four in CONCACAF. Jamaica's highest FIFA ranking is 27th which was achieved in August of 1998.

Gold Cup winners Mexico is the leader in the region as they are at number 12 in the world, following by the United States and Costa Rica. Jamaica will need to remain in

the top six of CONCACAF until the June 2020 FIFA rankings, to be highly seeded for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

Meanwhile, the top ten ranked teams in the world reads: Belgium, Brazil, France, England, Uruguay, Portugal, Croatia, Colombia, Spain and Argentina.

The next international assignment for the Reggae Boyz will be the CONCACAF Nations League on September 6 against Antigua and Barbuda.

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Patrick McKenzie celebrates his 50th Birthday

Award-winning graphic artist and co-owner of Jus Jerk & TIA Graphics Patrick McKenzie (c) was pleasantly surprised by family and close friends for his 50th Birthday on Saturday (July 15) at his flagship restaurant Jus Jerk in Mt. Vernon. Accompanying him was long-time friend and business associate Shanelle Anderson Real Estate Executive, Mr. and Mrs. Robert "Base" Goland, Mr. & Mrs Dalton "Major D" Edwards from Red Hawk Intl., Executives from LSG Security Group, Louis Grant from IRIE JAM Radio along with in photo brother David "Rev" McKenzie (1st l), sister Claudette McKenzie (3rd l) and staff members of Jus Jerk.



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Beyoncé gets three Emmy nominations for homecoming film

Mega star Beyoncé has received three Emmy nominations for her work on Homecoming: A Film by Beyoncé. The film received six nominations in all. Critics expect a busy award season for the singer

with possible nominations at the Oscar and Grammy Awards for her work in the Lion King remake. Beyoncé has received 66 Grammy nominations, more than any other female artiste, resulting in 23 wins.

She is still looking for her first individual Oscar nomination, after her work with Jennifer Hudson on Dream girls in 2006.

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RELATIONSHIP

How to Save Money in a Relationship

By Carolyn Steber

While you obviously want to have fun with your partner and do interesting things together as a way of keeping your relationship fresh it can start to feel as if everything revolves around spending money. Lots and lots of money. But if you get creative, you and your partner can still go on dates, hit up the town, and have fun without spending a lot.

Here are ways in which couples can save their money in a relationship:

1. Learn to Love Cooking At Home-

Nothing beats the ambience of a restaurant, or the feeling that accompanies the arrival of fresh garlic bread at your table. But what if you made that garlic bread at home? For fans of dining out, the idea of cooking might not seem as exciting and that's totally fair. But if your goal is to save money, it can help to change up your mindset. Chances are, there are all sorts of interesting ingredients in the fridge that are just waiting to be chopped and cooked.

2. Pick up a Free Hobby- While lots of hobbies involve pricey gear, there exists an endless list of things you can do that won't cost a dime. And if you want to stay busy and have fun, you may want to consider which ones sound like they're worth a try.

3. Stay In - Of course, the best way to save money is to stay in and enjoy each other's company in the comfort for your own home. And that can mean putting on a movie and calling it a night. But if you want to spice things up and have more fun, you certainly can.

4. Plan Meaningful Moments- "Having fun is subjective and the key to doing this with your partner is knowing what they like," Robyn Koenig, ACC, CPC, ELI-MP, a certified professional dating coach and matchmaker, tells Bustle. "For example, if you know your partner really loves being outside after a stressful day at the office, take a moment to plan a beach walk or some snacks in the park before dinner."

5. BYOB- It's so easy to get caught up in the momentum of an evening, and forget all the simple ways you can save money, including bringing your own bottle of wine. After all, "one of the most expensive parts of eating out are the drinks," Koenig says. And the last thing you want to do is rack up a big bill when you're just trying to have fun.

6. Focus on Novelty- If your usual date night ideas seem a bit pricey right now, go for something novel instead. "Having new experiences together keeps interest and chemistry high," Dr. Lindsay Jernigan, a psychologist and relationship expert, tells Bustle. "Anything that breaks routine counts as a new adventure."

7. Go Out Earlier in the Day- If you're used to going out on the town later at night, moving your plans up a few hours can save a surprising amount of money, while still allowing you to do all your favorite things.

8. Go on Half a Date- Along those same lines, you can also save money by simply cutting your usual plans in half, and making one aspect of the date more affordable. You can still have grand date nights on occasion,

but this plan will allow you to still have fun in the interim, without spending tons of cash.

9. Be Spontaneous- Again, having a good time doesn't always have to revolve around spending money, but about the feeling you

have while together. One way to achieve that mood is by stepping out without any plans in mind whatsoever, and seeing what happens. This can give you two a sense of adventure that you might not experience in your everyday life, and that can be incredibly fun.



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